

**SENATE—Tuesday, September 14, 1999**

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Father Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, will now offer the prayer.

**PRAYER**

The guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, offered the following prayer:

In Psalm 113 we hear David sing:  
Praise you servants of the Lord praise  
the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord both  
now and forever.  
From the rising to the setting of the  
sun is the name of the Lord to be  
praised.  
High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens is his glory  
Who is like the Lord, Our God, who is  
enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the  
earth below?  
He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the  
poor  
To seat them with princes, with the  
princes of his own people.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the many and varied ways You have blessed the men and women who serve in the Senate. We ask now, Lord, that they may do Your will in all things and so remain close to You.

Lord, Your presence is found where unity and love prevail; grant that they may strive to work together in harmony and peace.

We acknowledge that God is the strength and protector of his people; grant, Lord, to the Members of the Senate the strength and courage they need to serve the people of the United States.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable LARRY CRAIG, a Senator from the State of Idaho, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING  
MAJORITY LEADER**

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. VOINOVICH). The Senator from Wash-

**SCHEDULE**

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, today the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the second-degree Bryan-Wyden amendment regarding the Forest Service budget. By agreement, a vote on or in relation to that amendment will take place at 10:30 a.m. Further amendments to the Interior appropriations bill are expected throughout today's session. Senators, therefore, can expect votes throughout the day in anticipation of completing action on the bill. It is expected that the Senate will have approximately 2 hours of debate on S.J. Res. 33, with a vote on final passage during today's session, with the time to be determined by the two leaders.

For the remainder of the week, the Senate is expected to begin consideration of the Transportation appropriations bill.

**INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I just read a text that was submitted to me. I am going to offer what I hope is a slight correction to that for the benefit of all Senators. I believe, as manager of the bill, it is highly possible there are only two other unresolved matters in connection with the Interior appropriations bill. One is, of course, this Bryan-Wyden amendment that will be voted on in about 1 hour. The other is cloture on the Hutchison amendment. There was a vote on that cloture last night. It failed, but it seemed to have failed primarily by reason of absent Senators. The majority leader moved to reconsider and, of course, can bring up that motion at any time.

As manager of the bill, I do not know of any other amendments that will require rollcall votes. It does not mean there might not be one or two, but I do not know of any others. We now have two managers' amendments ready: one dealing with legislative matters and one dealing with money matters, but I hope we will have settled all other outstanding issues in connection with the bill. In any event, if there are Senators who wish to bring up amendments that they reserved way back in August with respect to the bill that are not settled in these two managers' amendments, I certainly urge them to come to the floor and to be prepared to present them immediately after the 10:30 vote on the Bryan-Wyden second-degree amendment.

With that, Mr. President, I see Senator WYDEN present, I see Senator CRAIG present, and so we are ready for debate.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 2466, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk (Mary Anne Clarkson) read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

**Pending:**

Gorton amendment No. 1359, of a technical nature.

Hutchison amendment No. 1603, to prohibit the use of funds for the purpose of issuing a notice of rulemaking with respect to the valuation of crude oil for royalty purposes until September 30, 2000.

Bryan amendment No. 1588, to make available certain funds, by reducing the subsidy for the below-cost timber program administered by the Forest Service and for the construction of logging roads in national forests, for other Forest Service programs including road maintenance, wildlife and fish habitat management, and for threatened, endangered, and sensitive species habitat management.

Bryan/Wyden amendment No. 1623 (to amendment No. 1588), to make available certain funds for survey and manage requirements of the Northwest Forest Plan Record of Decision.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1623**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is now on amendment 1623 on which there shall be 1 hour of debate which will be equally divided.

Mr. WYDEN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. I thank the Chair. I would like to take just a few minutes now to speak on behalf of the Bryan-Fitzgerald-Wyden amendment and try to offer up to colleagues on both sides of the aisle why Senator BRYAN, Senator FITZGERALD, and I are trying to incorporate some of the important thinking that has been done by the chairman of the Interior Subcommittee, Senator GORTON, as well as the work with respect to forestry done on the floor of the Senate over the last few days by Senator ROBB of Virginia. It seems to me that Senator GORTON, as well as Senator ROBB, are making extremely important points. What Senator BRYAN, Senator FITZGERALD, and I are trying to do is build on the work done by both of our colleagues.

For example, I think Senator GORTON and Senator CRAIG are absolutely right in terms of saying that the Forest Service has lacked direction, particularly as it relates to the Pacific Northwest. They have known at the Forest